

TEN FIREMEN DROP FROM SMOKE, TWO HURT IN LOFT FIRE

Hotel Chelsea Guests Watch West Twenty-third Street Blaze From Fire-Escape.

CEILING FALLS ON MAN.

Plate Glass Crushes Another's Helmet, While Others Are Overcome.

Ten firemen were knocked out by smoke and two others injured so they had to be sent to quarters during a fire early to-day in the seventh-story loft building at Nos. 244-246 West Twenty-third street. Scores of guests in the Hotel Chelsea, No. 223 West Twenty-third street, were aroused by the tumult of the apparatus and the smoke that sifted through their windows, and watched the work of firemen from the long balcony fire-escapes on the front of the hotel.

The fire started in the cellar of the loft building used as a storeroom by Cushman & Dennison, dealers in stationery. It went up the pipe casing as far as the third floor, spreading out in the establishment of the U. S. Slicing Company on the first floor and the Eagle Manufacturing Company on the third.

Acting Deputy Chief Ross fought the fire with his men until a lot of windows in the rear blew out, and then sent in a second alarm, which brought Chief Kenyon and more apparatus.

The brunt of the work fell on the men of Engine Companies Nos. 16 and 19, which had responded to six alarms during the night and were almost exhausted. They dropped ladders into the cellar and worked in relays, but even then the smoke was more than they could stand, and they collapsed one by one until ten of them had been carried to the street by comrades and attended by New York Hospital ambulance surgeons.

Fireman Jacob Schaeffer of No. 16 was working in front of the building, when a plate glass broke and drove his helmet down on his head. He was stunned and several fingers were cut. He was treated and sent to quarters.

Fireman William J. Ennis of No. 19 was working on the third floor when the ceiling fell and he was taken to quarters suffering from cuts and bruises. The firemen overcome by smoke were soon able to return to work.

During the fire George Ross, twenty years old, of No. 240 West Twenty-second street, went over to see his father, Acting Deputy Chief Ross, direct the men. He started to run when somebody yelled "Look out!" to somebody else, and tripped over a hose. He had to be treated by an ambulance surgeon before he was able to go home.

There was no danger to the Hotel Chelsea, but the seventy-five families living in the eight-story building were awakened by the excitement.

The fire did not get above the third floor of the loft building, and the damage is estimated at \$10,000.

MRS. A. H. WOODS STARTS ON 4,000-MILE AUTO TRIP

As Result of Controversy She Hopes to Be in Frisco June 29 to See Husband's Play.

Mrs. A. H. Woods, wife of the proprietor of the Eltinge Theatre, accompanied by a niece, nephew and chauffeur, left New York yesterday on an automobile tour which will end in San Francisco. The party expects to reach its destination on June 29. The trip is the result of a good natured controversy between Mr. and Mrs. Woods. Mr. Woods is to produce a new play in San Francisco on June 29 and Mrs. Woods remarked that she would like to be present at the opening, even if she had to cover the entire distance in an automobile. Her husband argued that she could not perform the feat and Mrs. Woods thereupon said she would make the attempt.

The route distance figures nearly four thousand miles. Mrs. Woods intends to drive the car most of the distance. Her car is equipped with a complete camp-

ing outfit.

TALKS ON CITY-PLANNING.

Mayors Continue Their Conference at Auburn.

ATURN, N. Y., June 4.—Mayor John P. Mitchell of New York was the second day's attraction at the New York State conference of Mayors and city officials.

The sessions began this morning with a "conference breakfast," at which the Mayors contributed to a general symposium on city planning and civic improvement. Returns of a questionnaire are being tabulated and from them city planning experts will prepare a city plan.

The chief speakers of the day sessions were Prof. James S. Pray of Harvard, who furnished a method of making a survey for a city plan, and Charles Downing Lay, landscape architect of New York, who spoke on a programme of developing parks and playgrounds. Owing to the epidemic of scarlet fever in Auburn prison an inspection, entertainment and study of recent reforms had to be abandoned.

Take Your Partners for the Lulufada! Society Woman Brings It From Paris

Mrs. Walter F. Scheffel Says It Was Invented by a Grand Duke—Same Man Who Set Vogue for Maxixe.

French People Crazy About the One-Step, But Can't Dance It—British Still Stick to Old-Fashioned Waltz.

With three silver cups as proofs of her terpethorian ability Mrs. Walter F. Scheffel, well known as a society woman, returned to New York yesterday from Europe. She danced in three European capitals, Paris, London and Berlin, but her prizes were won at the Palace Hotel, St. Moritz, Switzerland. One was for the tango, one for the maxixe and one for the one-step.

"In Paris what they call the American dance is making a great sensation," Mrs. Scheffel said to-day. "This dance is nothing in the world but the one-step—to us the easiest and simplest of the new dances. But the Parisians can't do it at all. Everywhere one sees couples practicing it and making a sad failure."

"On the other hand, few Americans can dance the tango and the maxixe with the grace and precision of the French. These dances first became popular in Paris and are beautifully done there. We are much less successful in undertaking them, and we realize it when we see the French dancing them."

"In Paris there has been no movement of shocked protest against any of the new steps. They are considered a pleasing artistic novelty, and there is no talk of censoring them. It takes more than the tango to offend the moral susceptibilities of the Parisians."

"The very newest dance in Paris is called the Lulufada. It was invented and popularized by a Portuguese grand duke, the same man who set the vogue of the maxixe. It is somewhat similar to the maxixe and rather difficult, though fascinating."

"In Berlin the new dances are done, though I did not see much dancing there as in Paris. In London the attitude of society toward the new steps is rather cold—no different from that which prevails in Paris. French society is an enthusiastic about the tango, maxixe and one-step as any of the other sets in the French capital. But the waltz is still the Englishman's strong point."

FEAR ACTOR AND WIFE HAVE MET ACCIDENT

No Word From Mr. and Mrs. Dodson Mitchell, Who Were Due Here Last Friday.

Mrs. Howard Seymour, mother of Mrs. Alice Mitchell, and friends of the young wife of Dodson Mitchell, the actor who took the part of Edward Gilder in "Within the Law," are worried over the failure of Mr. Mitchell and his wife to reach their home in the Elmsford, Forty-ninth street and Eighth avenue, from Boston, where the play closed on May 23. They were due here, according to a message received by Mrs. Seymour from her daughter, on last Friday, but they have not appeared and no word has been received from them, though most of their baggage has arrived. It is feared they have met with accident.

Young Mrs. Mitchell went to Boston shortly before the play's close to meet her husband and accompany him on a short automobile trip which was to end in this city. Charles H. Hays, manager of the company, said he had seen Mitchell and his wife start on their auto tour but had had no word from them.

FEWER RAILROAD KILLINGS.

Official Report Shows Falling Off of 175 in Three Months.

WASHINGTON, June 4.—A total decrease of 175 persons killed and of 547 injured in all classes of railroad accidents was shown in the accident bulletin issued to-day by the Interstate Commerce Commission for the quarter ended Dec. 31, 1913, as compared with the corresponding quarter of 1912.

There was also a decrease of 356 in the number of train accidents. The report shows 1,450 collisions and 2,307 derailments for the quarter, with property damage of \$3,090,360.

Practically all of the figures show decrease.

CRUISER BROOKLYN REBUILT.

Schley's Flagship to Sail Soon for Chinese Waters.

PHILADELPHIA, June 4.—The cruiser Brooklyn, which has been stationed at the local navy yard for nearly ten years, and which at one time was ordered to the scrap heap, will sail soon for China to take her place as flagship of the Asiatic squadron.

The Brooklyn was Admiral Schley's flagship during the Spanish-American war. The ship was struck about twenty miles by shells of the Spanish fleet at Santiago.

About a year ago work was begun on the vessel and she was completely overhauled. She is now one of the best and fastest cruisers in the navy.

Boy of Eighteen Tired of Life.

Thomas Ferris, a boy of eighteen, of No. 234 North Eleventh street, Williamsburg, drank two ounces of iodine to-day. All he would say to his mother was that he was tired and wanted to die. He was taken to the Williamsburg Hospital, where it is said he will die.



SMALLEST TAX, ONEPENNY, A PUZZLER TO COLLECTOR

Can't Even Figure Interest Due City in the Unpaid Assessment.

Receiver of Taxes Frederick Epstein has a problem on his hands. Just as he was expounding President Wilson's claim that the hard times are merely "psychological," and pointing to the \$3,000,000 increase in tax receipts so far this year to prove it, a clerk came up and informed him the smallest tax bill in the city was unpaid, in spite of persistent attempts to collect.

The piece of ground is located at the junction of Depew avenue and Bridgeton street, in Tottenville, Richmond, and has a frontage of 3 feet 4 inches by 3 feet and 1-4 inches. The yearly assessment is \$1 and the tax amounts to one cent a year.

"This is the smallest tax bill in the city," Epstein said after he had looked into the matter. "The law provides for the imposing of 7 per cent interest on all tax bills unpaid by May 31. The law stipulates also that property owners pay their yearly taxes in two parts, one in May and the other in November, so what are you going to do with the one penny assessment. Neither can you charge him the 7 per cent interest, for it would take fifteen years before the interest would be equal to the principal."

SPOKEN WORDS CARRIED BY WATER MANY YARDS

Boston Interested in Experiments With New Device to Aid in Saving Lives.

BOSTON, June 4.—Spoken words of men carried clear and distinct for many yards under the waves and Morse telegraphic signals projected for ten full miles in the same way is a new lifesaving device, demonstrated here by Prof. R. A. Fessenden, formerly of Pittsburgh. Fessenden says he has transmitted Morse clearly through the water up to thirty-one miles.

Fessenden demonstrated his invention off Boston Light. Persons on boats in the harbor were amazed when spoken words came from the water in the neighborhood of his tug. The invention consists of a two-foot reproducing disc sending forth vibrations of a copper cylinder at a speed of 5,000 vibrations a minute.

Hard Times Extend to Russia. LONDON, June 4.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Times says business on the Bourse is at a standstill owing to the suspension of foreign investments. In order to attract capital to the country the despotic adds, the Emperor is believed to favor the gradual removal of certain disabilities affecting the participation of Jews in joint stock companies.

SPECIAL FAVORS FOR WEDDING OF ROOSEVELT'S SON

Magistrate Fits Up a Room Where Civil Ceremony Will Take Place.

MADRID, June 4.—Col. Joseph H. Willard, United States Ambassador, and Mrs. Willard had King Alfonso and Queen Victoria of Spain as their guests at luncheon at the American Embassy to-day. Kermit Roosevelt and the British and German Ambassadors also were guests.

A reception followed. It was attended by the members of the diplomatic corps and many prominent people in the social world of the Spanish capital. A Russian ballet was given for the entertainment of the guests.

Because Ambassador Willard desires to observe all the requirements of the Spanish laws in respect to foreign marriages, the Magistrate of the Buena Vista district will perform the civil marriage ceremony for Miss Belle Willard and Kermit Roosevelt on June 10. The American Embassy is situated in the Buena Vista district, the most aristocratic section of the city.

When the Minister of State learned that the Ambassador desired to observe the Spanish law he suggested the Justice should go to the American Embassy. But as the embassy is beyond the legal control of the Magistrate, being technically United States territory, a room has been fitted up in the Magistrate's own residence, where the ceremony will take place.

The formal witnesses will include S. Eduardo Dato, the Spanish Premier, the Marquis of Lema, the Minister of State, Myron T. Herrick, the American Ambassador in Paris, and Colonel Roosevelt. The religious service will take place at noon the next day in the chapel of the British Embassy.

The chapel is in a pavilion in the Embassy grounds. The Rev. Dr. Samuel N. Watson, pastor of the American Protestant Episcopal Church in Paris, will perform the services, assisted by the Rev. Herbert Brown, chaplain of the British Embassy in Madrid.

The wedding party will proceed from the Ambassador's house to the church in automobiles and gala carriages, among which probably will be one of the Court equipages with a representative of the King of Spain.

The bride's dress will be of ivory satin and tulle, with a court train. She will wear orange blossoms. She will wear old lace, and a long veil of tulle and lace. The maid of honor, Miss Elizabeth Willard, will wear white satin, with a tulle of pale blue tulle.

The bridesmaids, Her Serene Highness the Princess of Thurn and Taxis, Miss Katherine Page, Miss Gilgole, le Veneur de Villiers and Miss Virginia Christian, will wear white tulle with tulle. All of them will wear lace with touches of yellow, and yellow ribbons tied under the chin. They will carry bouquets of yellow orchids.

The bridegroom will wear a tulle of pale blue tulle. He will wear a tulle of pale blue tulle. He will wear a tulle of pale blue tulle.

"ISH GABIBBLE," SAID FIREMAN AS TO TRIAL

Schultze Tired of His Job and Strolled Away on May 24.

Fireman John Schultze of Hook and Ladder Company No. 10 got very tired of his job on account of having to jump from his cot to answer alarms at all hours of the night. He went away on May 24 and has been absent without leave ever since. He did not appear when his case was called before Commissioner Adamson to-day.

Leut. Newman of the same company said Schultze telephoned him yesterday that he was going to take a little trip abroad.

"I asked him what he was going to do about his trial," said Newman, "and he answered: 'Ish gabibble.'"

Mr. Schultze is dropped from the department.

VOLCANO NEAR FROZEN LAKE

Strange Phenomenon Found After Eruption on Lassen.

RED BLUFF, Calif., June 4.—Forest Supervisor W. J. Rushing, after an inspection made on Mount Lassen, which last week was in eruption, reported to-day that he found a cavity 100 feet in diameter covered with ashes about a foot thick. He says the hole is 100 feet from a frozen lake in which the ice is melting and the water running into one of the heated fissures forced up ashes and mud.

It is thought another geyser is being formed similar to those at Bumpass Hill, nearly four miles distant, where steam and water are being thrown out nearly all the time. The phenomenon is a geyser action and not volcanic.

COURT THROWS OUT TWO JUDGES GLYNN NAMED

Justice Jaycox Says Hylan and Roy Cannot Sit in Brooklyn.

County Judges John F. Hylan and Robert H. Roy, who have been sitting in Brooklyn since their appointment by Gov. Glynn, will have to go to the Court of Appeals and establish the legality of their appointment.

This was the decision rendered by Justice Jaycox in the Supreme Court to-day in quo warranto proceedings instituted by William H. Snyder, a taxpayer, through Hugo Hirsch, counsel.

There has been a question over the legality of the appointment of the two judges. The law passed by the last Legislature provides that two additional county judges are to be elected in Kings in 1915. The judges are needed now, and Gov. Glynn, acting on an opinion rendered by Attorney-General Carmody, appointed them to serve until Jan. 1, 1916, when the elected judges are to take office.

Lawyers opposed to the appointments held that there will be no judgeships to be filled until Jan. 1, 1916, and that the Governor cannot name judges to fill places which do not exist. Justice Jaycox's action will have the effect of causing Judges Hylan and Roy to go to the higher courts in order to establish their right to remain on the bench of the County Court.

The ruling of Justice Jaycox will have no immediate effect upon the judicial acts of Justices Hylan and Roy. They have been sitting in the Criminal Branch of the County Court and in that capacity have sentenced scores of convicted offenders.

Justice Jaycox rules that these sentences must stand. He made the point on the application for a writ of habeas corpus filed a week ago by Robert H. Elder in behalf of Marie Gross, a pickpocket, sentenced to a term in Auburn Prison. Justice Jaycox to-day denied the writ pending the decision of the Court of Appeals on the legality of the appointment of the two judges.

MOTORCYCLE HITS TREE; TWO MEN ARE HURT

Brothers Lose Control of Machine as They Speed Through Rain.

A motorcycle with one man in the saddle and another in a side-body attachment ran into a tree at East Seventh street and Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, to-day, throwing the men out and wrecking the machine. The injured men were Elvin Hedges, twenty-six years old, living at the Elks Club, No. 108 West Forty-third street, Manhattan, and his brother Fred, who is stopping at the Brighton Beach Hotel.

Elvin was in the saddle of the machine and his nose was broken and his face cut. Fred escaped with a lacerated leg and scratches on his face.

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TARRYTOWN AGITATORS ARE TAKING A REST

Meanwhile Hunger Strike of Prisoners in White Plains Jail Is Broken by Strong Appetites.

Tarrytown people started what promised to prove a spell of peace and quiet to-day. The steady rainfall was expected to act as a deterrent to the Berkman and I. W. W. agitators, although guards at the railroad station and on the roads leading into the town were kept on duty. To provide against a surprise the fire engine company met every train during the night ready to douse possible invaders. It is believed that there will be no trouble before Saturday.

The Rev. Mr. Gates has recalled his invitation to Berkman to meet him in debate in his church, but it is feared that the anarchists will appear there anyhow Saturday afternoon or evening.

Hecky Edelson and her fellow prisoners in the jail at White Plains are reportedly to-day the last of the four men who started a hunger strike giving up suddenly and howling for a hand-out.

President Pierson of Tarrytown, to-day received a message from the Live and Let Live League which it is

understood contained an expression of such nature that he thought it best to refer the matter to the grand jury and the prosecuting attorney for consideration. He refused to make any comments on the communication.

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